

**NEW ENGLAND LABORERS'/CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSTRUCTION CAREER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

June 7, 2012

12:00 P.M. Executive Session

Public Session Immediately Following

4 Sharpe Drive

MINUTES

This meeting of the NEL/CPS Construction Career Academy was held on the above date in the conference room with the following members present: Chairman Traficante,

Mr. Joshua Procaccianti (in place of Ms. Larkin), Dr. Leone (arrived at 12:15 and was not present during executive session), Mr. Michael Perrotta (in place of Mr. Sabitoni), Mrs. McFarland and Mr. Nero. Absent were Ms. Bedford, Mr. Rampone, Ms. Larkin, and Mr. Sabitoni.

Chairman Traficante called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Cardi to go into Executive Session pursuant to R.I. State Laws PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel and PL 42-46-5 (a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation; Threatened Litigation re: Personnel Matter. This motion was seconded by Mrs. McFarland. All were in favor.

Chairman Traficante reconvened public session at 12:08 p.m. The roll

was called; a quorum was present. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

A motion to seal the minutes of Executive Session was made by Mrs. McFarland and seconded by Mr. Cardi. All were in favor.

A motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2012 meeting was made by Mr. Cardi and seconded by Mrs. McFarland. All were in favor.

Public Acknowledgements/Communications

There were none.

Public Hearing

- a. Students (Agenda/Non-Agenda Items)**
- b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)**

There were no speakers.

Personnel

RESOLUTIONS

No. 06-1-12 – Resolved, that at the recommendation of the Executive Director, said certified personnel be recalled from layoff and,

Be it further RESOLVED that the Executive Director notify those individuals of the Board's actions.

A motion to approve this resolution was made by Mrs. McFarland. Seconded by Mr. Nero. All were in favor.

TABLED RESOLUTION

BUSINESS

No. 05-1-12 – Resolved, that at the recommendation of the Executive Director the position of Assistant Principal be approved and funded in the budget for the 2012-2013 school year. (Financial Impact Analysis attached).

A motion to remove this resolution from the table was made by Mrs. McFarland and seconded by Mr. Nero. All were in favor.

A motion to approve this resolution was made by Mrs. McFarland and seconded by Mr. Nero. Discussion – Mrs. McFarland stated - Mr. Curran had forwarded a list of where the funds will be derived for this position. I had some concerns on how we would be able to pay for this position Mr. Curran indicated that there will be a number of categories that will be reduced in the budget that will accommodate this position. I still have some concerns on how we are going to be able to fill those gaps once we take money from there but hopefully those costs will continue to stay at the percentages. I took a look and compared it to some of the recommendations that Mr. Curran made and I feel comfortable moving forward.

Chairman Traficante stated – in addition to that potential list, recruitment will have a bearing on that as well. The greater our numbers the more revenue will enhance our budget.

Mr. Nero stated – like Mrs. McFarland I too had concerns about the financing. However, I must point out that tonight our charter goes in front of the Board of Regents. We have made a commitment to bring in both a certified principal full-time and a certified assistant principal full-time. We had to make that commitment so we need to have this in the budget.

All were in favor.

Committee Reports/Reports/Updates

A. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Curran passed out The Academy Connection, the last school newsletter for this school year (see handout #1).

Mr. Curran stated – as Mr. Nero just mentioned we will be on the agenda this afternoon at the Board of Regents meeting downtown at RIDE. We are third in their lineup. At the meeting we know the Commissioner will be recommending a three year renewal for our charter with some provisos in the recommendation something they would like us to work on over the life of our charter and some things they would like us to look at immediately. (See handout #2). Essentially you will see in this four page handout that they are

recapping the review that was done last spring here at the charter school in terms of areas of concern that we need to work on and then they have added to that some things they would like to see us focus on, one being our application process relative to our AEP program. It is their feeling that because AEP is part of the charter school that students who are recommended for the Alternate Education Program should go through the same application process as any other student that would apply to the charter school. That's really a simple fix to have them do that paperwork going forward. Beyond that they would like to see I think some more definition on academic program in the Alternate Education Program that we offer here to see how it aligns with "upstairs" here in the charter school. As you know the Alternate Education Program is a different program from Cranston East and West for particular reasons. It is a shortened day and there curriculum, although it aligns with the Cranston Public Schools' curriculum, is offered in a different format to our students. So I think that is the area of interest right now for the Department of Ed and that is a discussion we will have with them going forward. Those are the issues that I think, if there is any discussion by the Board of Regents, will be around those issues today. Now when we go there today at 4 many of our staff members will be going also along with Mr. Nero, Mr. Traficante and I regarding the reapplication process for our school. As you know we are not the typical prototype charter school and we want to make some statements to the regents as how our school is different and how it is successful. We don't want them to focus only on NECAP scores as a measure of success for our charter school. We

are successful in so many other ways and that is the story we have to tell today.

Assuming that the Board of Regents will go along with the Commissioner we will walk out of there with a three year renewal for our school and then we have three years to work on those other academic issues that we know are important to us.

B. Financial Advisor's Report - See handout #3

Mrs. Corcelli reviewed the updated Operating Budget for 2011-2012 with the Board.

CPR Training – about a dozen senior students have taken CPR training and are now certified. A week from today there will be an article in the Cranston Herald demonstrating their skills. Five or six more students have signed up to take the CNA classes. Those students will receive their high school diploma as well as certification in CNA training.

WorkForce Investment Council Grant - \$32,000 – we have 22 students that have been placed with local employers, six week program, minimum wage. They will also receive OSHA training with Mr. Sabitoni.

C. Assistant to the Executive Director's Report

Mr. Pecorelli stated as of today we have accepted 51 new students, 41 in the 9th grade and the other in the various other grades. On August

21, 2012, 6 p.m., will be the new students and parents orientation.

D. AEP Director's Report – See handout #4

Mrs. Dzekevich read from her report. Of the 38 seniors working towards graduation; 20 are going on to higher learning institutions.

A motion to approve these reports was made by Mrs. McFarland; seconded by Mr. Nero. All were in favor.

Old Business/New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. McFarland; seconded by Mr. Cardi. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Traficante

Chairperson

It should be noted – a special meeting of the NEL/CPS Construction Career Academy Board will be held on June 22, 2012 at 12 noon.

Administrator's Compensation Schedule

Fiscal Year 2012-2013

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	ANN	SALARY
HEALTH DENTAL LIFE PENSION SURV				
BEN OASDI MEDICARE TOTAL Fringe Sal & Fringe				
Vacant Ass't	Prin Charter	87,411.00	16810 1105 33	12,307
96 0 1267	31,619	119,030		